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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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HIGH AVAILABILITY  
INTEGRATED NETWORKED  
STORAGE SYSTEM  
Examiner : Unknown  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.